

# Make Boys' Room On Budget Basis

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LITTLE BOYS need room to stretch their legs. When two young lads share a room there is no reason why they should stumble over each other and be reminded constantly to keep the room ship shape. Little savers who play with mud, insects and animals outdoors hardly should be expected to act like Little Lord Fontleroy when they cross the threshold to their bedroom.

Smart and considerate mothers will choose good washable fabrics in plaid stripe or another perky pattern for bedcovers and window draperies. They'll put inexpensive fiber rugs on the floors, and use sturdy but chic budget furniture.

Bunk beds are ideal space savers for a boys' room. Corduroy in masculine color schemes such as plaid in shades of brown

on a maize ground, teamed with maize curtains that match the background color of the spread are typical of the handsome combinations that can be tailored even by amateurs.

Youth size beds 36 in. by 72 in. long may be furnished with attractive coverlets in jiffy time. All you do is get two widths of 36-inch corduroy in a 108-inch length, giving ample tuck-in for the pillow and a good drape at the foot of the bed. If the beds are stacked, the upper spread can be tucked in and the lower one allowed to drape, or both can be tucked in.

Seam the lengths together, hemming the two ends. Put the spreads on the bed to locate where the white cotton fringe is to go. Pin the fringe in place so that it outlines the edge of the mattress. Mark locations for corner slits in the foot of the spread. Remove and check



For a couple of cowboys—These bunk beds may be stacked or used as twin beds.

measurements for accuracy, then stitch fringe and put the narrowst of hems in the slits.

For curtains use two widths of the desired length, one inch longer than the distance from the top of the curtain rod to the bottom of the window apron. Stitch three rows of cotton fringe across the bottom of each length—multi-color braid gives a nice decorative touch and ties the curtains and bed-

spread together nicely. Finish the tops of the curtains with pleating tape stitched on the wrong side. Insert the pleating hooks and you're finished.

Spreads and curtains made of corduroy which is preshrunk and fast color may be washed repeatedly if a gentle laundering method is used. When almost dry the corduroy should be brushed vigorously with a clean clothes brush to raise the pile.

## Simple Lamp Styles Best

Light, airy designs in lamps come forward this year and almost no bulky pieces are to be found. Table lamps are simple and uncluttered. Floor lamps are elegant in the modern two-and-three-bulb type. And—ceramics still play an important part in beautiful lamps.

Brass is predominant as lamp fashion material. Pin-up lamps now come in more handsome editions than ever before. Boudoir lamps still employ crystal and ceramic, but are newly less elaborate.

Lamps are built with a beauty that is at home in any decorating scheme. Shades are universally simple and uncluttered.

Black, white, silver and gold are the stand-bys in color with pink and blue pastel gaining favor. Spatter designs of multi-color on black or white makes versatile bases which blend with any scheme and the gold of polished brass is a reliable favorite. You'll find it easy to find just the lamp you want to suit your decor and your budget!

### HIGH SCHOOL DISPLAY

Hardboard helps high school pupils create impressive displays. For example, Jim Houpp of Hughes high school, Cincinnati, built a house of this material for a botany class landscaping assignment.

According to science, light colors tend to make heavy loads seem lighter. So paint used wisely, such as painting a wheelbarrow bright-yellow, will go far in making your gardening that much easier and safer in the coming season.

Spring is clean-up time.

## Air Condition For Comfort This Summer

Home, the place above all that should be comfortable, needs to blow hot and cold these days for maximum liveability.

When the desired comfort in hot weather cannot be obtained solely by house design or ventilation, then an air conditioning system is needed.

Air conditioners are available in many different sizes and shapes and are more compact,

streamlined and easy to install than before.

Sizes of air conditioners are generally given in terms of "tons of cooling capacity"—a one-ton capacity being the equivalent to the melting of one ton of ice per day.

For residential use, common sizes of central cooling units range from 1½ to 5 tons and utilize motors from 1½ to 5-H.P. Both gas and electric models are

available. These units connect with the furnace and circulate air throughout the entire house.

For homes where it is impossible to install conditioners with the furnace, smaller units are available. Window-type, console type and attic fans are very popular.

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## Invest in Good Materials For Well-Painted Exterior; Gain Long-Lasting Beauty

Aside from the beauty that fresh new paint gives to the outside of a house, painting exterior surfaces helps protect the wood from the weather.

Most homeowners look to Spring for this all-important task. Experts however, point out that it is not advisable, inasmuch as the wood has been long exposed to the winter elements and is generally damp or its inside.

The best time for painting is in summer or early fall, when wood surfaces are dry, and temperatures neither too low nor subject to rapid or drastic changes.

The prime consideration for outside painting—regardless of when it is being done—is the selection of a good quality paint—carefully and properly applied.

A good paint job with good materials will pay for itself by preserving the wood for many years.

**PAINTING OVER PAINT**  
The requirements for painting over old paint vary according to the condition of the old surface.

Paint that is discolored, but otherwise sound can be given two

coats of paint, unless a change of color is desired. Then, three coats are needed.

Cracks and blisters should be scraped down with a putty knife, then sanded before any painting is done.

Be sure to determine whether the cracks or blisters are a surface condition, or whether the paint has so deteriorated that it must be entirely removed.

When blistered paint is removed, three coats of paint must be applied in order to build up the surface.

Be sure that each coat of paint is dry before brushing on the next coat.

**USE LINSEED OIL.**  
If the wood is well-seasoned and quite dry, your paint for the first application should be well-thinned with linseed oil.

If the wood surface is non-porous thin the paint with a good grade of turpentine.

Start painting at the highest point. Work across the surface, rather than up and down. Brush the first coat of paint into the wood vigorously. Do not brush after paint has set, as it will give a rough surface.

After the first coat is dry fill all cracks and nail holes with putty. Allow at least a week for the first coat to dry thoroughly.

The second coat acts as a bond and should present a hard, non-gloss surface for the final coat. Use your paint with a thicker consistency.

The third coat of paint should contain plenty of oil and no thinner—to dry to a glossy finish.

### FREE CUTTING CHART

A cutting chart for quick calculations on sawing hardboard into the most economical sizes has been made available. It is useful to cabinet shops, sign companies, furniture manufacturers and other large users.

Protect auto seats with hardboard when moving heavy or sharp objects, or when children's feet are muddy.



Pre-decorated, wood-grained gypsum wallboard—shown here in a knotty pine finish—gives smartness to this remodeled attic room. Economical and easy to install, this type of wall covering is increasingly popular.

## Put Idle Attic to Work as Spare Room with Convenient Storage Accessories and Built-In Units

Due primarily to high building costs, fewer new homes are being constructed with attic space. But, many thousands of home-owners do have the problem of idle, cluttered attics going needless, to waste.

The job of remodeling an old attic into a small apartment, bedroom or recreation room, need not be either expensive or complicated.

The advantages of this do-it-yourself job is that only basic carpenter tools are needed. Most attics have exposed wall studs, ceiling rafters and a rough floor, thus eliminating all framework construction.

Large panels of inexpensive, sturdy plywood, wallboard, fiberboard or insulating ceiling and wall-planking are all easy materials to handle for the job.

If storage area is your problem, then plan your add-on room from this angle.

Use under-eave areas for storage units for everything from clothes to not-in-use luggage. Wardrobe closets, too, are ideal units for oddly-spaced and sized wall and corner areas.

Plan for built-in units for such things as books, play equipment, bedding and sports equipment. Further enhance the addition with desks, work surfaces and perhaps even bunk beds.

This is the kind of project you can safely undertake to do yourself in spare time and week-ends. An expensive brigade of carpenters, electricians and painters is not called for.

Check with your building supply dealer for plans for your attic remodeling job.



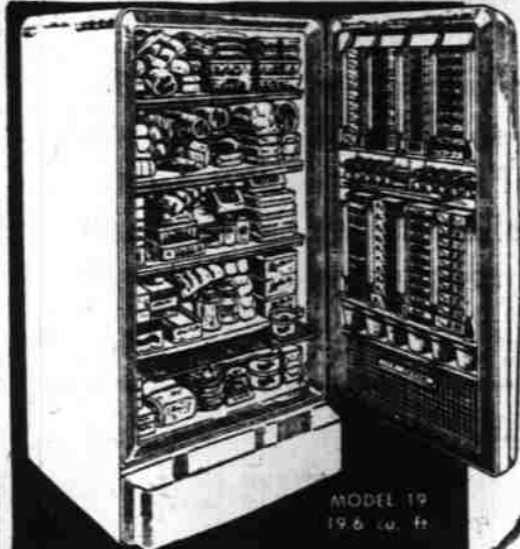
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